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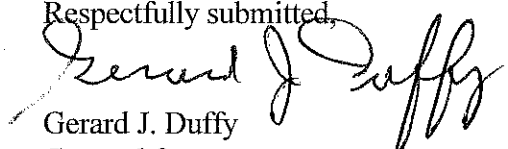
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RE: CC Docket No. 00-257

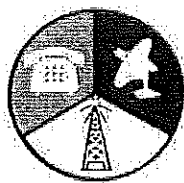
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Interstate 35 Telephone Company ("Interstate 35"), Southwest Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("Southwest") and FMTC-I35, Inc. ("FMTC"), the Commission is hereby notified that they have complied with the requirements of Section 64.1120(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules to provide advance subscriber notice to: (a) the customers of the Truro, St. Charles and St. Marys, Iowa exchanges being acquired from Interstate 35 by FMTC; and (b) the customers of the Emerson, Henderson and Imogene, Iowa exchanges being acquired from Southwest by FMTC. Attached is a copy of the advance subscriber notice, which was sent to all customers of the Truro, St. Charles, St. Marys, Emerson, Henderson and Imogene exchanges on December 28, 2016, and which has been filed with the Iowa Utilities Board.

Respectfully submitted,



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**INTERSTATE
COMMUNICATIONS**

[DATE]

Important Information Regarding Your Local Telephone Service Provider

[NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[CITY ST ZIP]

Dear [NAME]:

FMTC-I35, Inc., ("FMTC-I35"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company ("Farmers Mutual"), and Interstate 35 Telephone Company and Southwest Telephone Exchange, Inc. d/b/a Interstate Communications ("Interstate") are pleased to announce that FMTC-I35¹ is acquiring substantially all of the assets used in the local exchange telephone service, IP video service, broadband high speed internet access service, and long-distance telephone service currently provided by Interstate.

Subject to required regulatory approvals and other contingencies, the parties expect the transaction to close on or before February 1, 2017 (the actual date of closing of the transactions, the "Closing Date"). Following closing, FMTC-I35 will provide the same wireline telecommunications and related services that are currently provided to you by Interstate and continue to provide such services under the "Interstate" company name. The following overview outlines how your services will be transitioned from Interstate to FMTC-I35. **Your telephone number will not change and there will be no interruption to your current telecommunications services. There will be no charge to you in connection with this change of local service provider.**

Seamless Transfer of Services

As your new service provider, FMTC-I35 will continue to provide you with the same wireline telecommunications services and other services you currently receive in accordance with applicable state and federal tariffs and laws, utilizing the same Customer Service Representatives and Technicians you have come to know and rely upon. Any future changes to the services to be provided to you will be made in accordance with applicable state and federal tariffs and law. The current rates you pay to Interstate will not increase as a result of this transaction, and to the extent rates or services may change in the future, notice will be provided to you in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations. Please be assured that you will not incur or be assessed a carrier change charge or any other charge or fee related to the transfer of your telephone account or other telecommunications services accounts to FMTC-I35. Notice of this change in your service provider has been filed with the Iowa Utilities Board and the Federal Communications Commission and will cause no disruption in your services.

Who to Contact with Questions

While FMTC-I35 hopes that you will choose to remain with it following the transfer and for many years to come, you do have the right to select another carrier for your services, to the extent one is available. Until the date of the transfer, any questions you may have regarding your current services can be addressed by calling the Interstate customer service department (800-765-3738).

You may also contact FMTC-I35's customer service department to learn more about FMTC-I35 and its service offerings prior to the transfer by calling 877-OmniTel. Any service orders or complaints you may have prior to the transfer should be addressed to Interstate. Any service orders or complaints you may have during or after the transfer should be directed to FMTC-I35 using the existing Interstate customer service department number (800-765-3738).


Customer Account, Billing and Payment

All customers receiving this notice will be transferred to FMTC-I35 unless they have selected a different service provider before the transfer date. Existing preferred carrier freezes on the service(s) involved in the transfer (for example, a freeze on your preferred long distance carrier) will be lifted, and you must contact FMTC-I35 to arrange a new freeze following the transfer. Your customer account information (such as billing, contact and payment information, and credit and payment history) is being provided to FMTC-I35 to help in your transition, and your billing addresses, customer support numbers, and other contact information will not change as a result of this transaction. Effective on or after the Closing Date, FMTC-I35 will assume all of the rights and responsibilities of Interstate under your existing account and your relationship with Interstate will be transferred to FMTC-I35. In the meantime, please continue to pay Interstate in your normal timely manner until further notice in order to avoid disruption of service.


It has been Interstate's pleasure to provide you with quality telecommunications services. You are a valued customer and will be treated as such by FMTC-I35, who looks forward to serving you and appreciates your business.

Sincerely,

INTERSTATE 35 TELEPHONE
COMPANY


Mike Weis, Vice President & General Manager

FARMERS' MUTUAL TELEPHONE
COMPANY


Ronald Laudner, Jr., President

About FMTC-I35. FMTC-I35 (formerly FMTC Voice Services, Inc.) is an Iowa corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company ("Farmers Mutual"). Farmers Mutual, an Iowa corporation, and Farmers Telephone Company ("Farmers Telephone"), an Iowa corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Farmers Mutual, provide local exchange service and exchange access service as ILECs under the name of OmniTel Communications ("OmniTel"). Farmers Mutual serves the Nora Springs, Floyd, Rudd and Rockford exchanges in Floyd County in northeastern Iowa in a single Iowa study area (Study Area Code 351172). Farmers Telephone serves the Little Cedar, New Haven, Riceville and Plymouth, Rock Falls and McIntyre exchanges in Mitchell, Howard and Cerro Gordo Counties in northeastern Iowa in a single Iowa study area (Study Area Code 351177). In addition, OmniTel Communications, Inc., an Iowa corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Farmers Mutual, provides local exchange service and exchange access service as a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") serving the Stacyville, St. Ansgar, Marble Rock and Greene exchanges in Mitchell, Floyd and Butler Counties in northeastern Iowa (Study Area Code 359011). Altogether, the OmniTel organization provides local exchange telephone service to fourteen exchanges in Floyd, Mitchell, Howard, Cerro Gordo and Butler Counties in northeastern Iowa.